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In re Patent Application of:
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For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING HIGH-CARBON
STEEL RAILS EXCELLENT IN WEAR
RESISTANCE AND DUCTILITY**

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REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated September 10, 2009, the period for replying having been extended one (1) month to January 10, 2010, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This reply includes: An Amended Set of Claims; and

Remarks.